



BIG COAL STRIKE IS DECLARED

MINERS AND OPERATORS ARE UNABLE TO AGREE

Both Anthracite and Bituminous Coal Miners are Affected and 328,000 Miners Will Now Be Out of Work for Indefinite Time.

THOUSANDS OF OTHER MINERS ARE AFFECTED

JOINT MEETINGS OF OPERATORS AND MINERS OF CENTRAL COMPETITIVE DISTRICT AND SOUTHWESTERN DISTRICT REACH FINAL DISAGREEMENT YESTERDAY ON WAGE SCALE TO BE EFFECTIVE SUNDAY.

INDIANAPOLIS, March 29.—The joint meetings of the bituminous coal operators and miners of the Central Competitive District, composed of Western Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois and of the Southwestern District, composed of Missouri, Kansas, Texas, Arkansas, Oklahoma, and Indian Territory reached a final disagreement today on the wage scale to go into effect at the expiration of the present scale on April 1st and the conference of the Central District adjourned sine die, while the joint scale committee of the Southwestern District decided to report a disagreement to the joint conference of that district tomorrow. It is expected this conference will at once adjourn sine die without agreement.

Will Affect 178,000.
The action of the two conferences will directly cause a suspension of work after Saturday of 178,000 miners unless something unforeseen like a submission of the differences to arbitration, should intervene and indirectly will affect 206,500 more miners not including its effect on 150,000 miners in the anthracite field who were tonight ordered to suspend work on Monday. A national convention of miners will be held tomorrow to decide whether the miners will be allowed to sign the advance scale demanded and today refused by all the operators, with a few exceptions, and go to work where the advance is offered.

Offer the Advance.
The operators employing 25,000 miners in the central competitive field have openly offered to pay the advance during the joint conference of the sessions. The wage scales of all miners, both anthracite and bituminous, will expire on Saturday, except those in Tennessee and Alabama, when the scale will expire in September.

Anthracite Miners Out.

INDIANAPOLIS, March 29.—The anthracite miners scale committee tonight issued orders for the total suspension of mining in the 3 anthracite districts beginning Monday morning, April 2nd. Only those men who will be required to keep the pumps working and preserve the properties will remain at work. The committee notified President Baer that the miners' scale committee will meet the operators' scale committee in New York City at 10 a. m. The entire miners' committee will meet in New York Tuesday night to hear the report of the joint sub-committee.

SUSPECTS ARRESTED IN BULGARIAN MURDER CASE

DULUTH, March 29.—The police are devoting every effort to solve the mysterious murders of the six Bulgarians found in a Minneapolis dwelling yesterday. Ten persons were arrested on suspicion today and that the police are on the right track is believed from a statement of a hardware dealer that six hunting knives were sold to the foreigners last week. An employee of the house has been sent to Minneapolis to identify the knives found in the death chamber. One of the suspects admits he and several of his countrymen passed through this city last week for Minneapolis.

Ready For Strike.
WILKESBARRE, Pa., March 29.—The action of the miners' scale committee at Indianapolis in ordering a suspension of work in the anthracite region is a great surprise to the miners and operators. It is believed the order will meet with practically a unanimous response.

SCRANTON, March 29.—The companies have taken it for granted there will be a strike. Stockades are built guards hired to protect property and other preparations made for the strike.

Will Win Strike.
PITTSBURGH, March 29.—Several operators who have not heretofore declared themselves regarding the labor condition express themselves as pleased with the outcome of the Indianapolis meeting. The operators of this district have been making preparations for a strike since January. The operators declare they will win the strike in this section within thirty days.

RATE BILL IS UP

Senate Listens to Speeches for the Measure.

ARMY MEDICAL BILL PASSED

Bill For Reorganization of Army Medical Department by Appointing Physicians to Take Place of Contract Surgeons, Passes.

WASHINGTON, March 29.—The Senate today listened to speeches on the railroad rate bill by Clay, Carmack and Newlands, and passed a bill providing for the reorganization of the medical department of the army by authorizing the appointment of physicians to take the place of contract surgeons. All Senators who spoke on the rate bill indicated their purpose to support it, but Clay expressed the hope that it would be amended so as to provide for a limited period of review. Carmack introduced an amendment making the initial railroad liable for damage to the freight transferred to a connecting line.

OPERATORS APPEAL TO PRESIDENT.
INDIANAPOLIS, March 29.—The operators in Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, and those of Western Pennsylvania who are opposed to paying an increase in wages in executive session tonight adopted resolutions asking the President to appoint a commission to investigate the coal situation. The resolution was telegraphed to the President.

STOLE CERTIFICATES AFTER FOUR YEARS

Western Gold Mining Company Accuses Clerk, Who is Fugitive From Justice.

NEW YORK, March 29.—A charge of larceny of a 100-share certificate of United States Steel preferred stock from the brokerage firm of DeCoppet & Doremus, of this city, was made in police court yesterday against Charles M. Dunn, associate of A. R. Joslin, the promoter. Dunn was accused with Joslin of conspiracy and perjury in defrauding the Western Gold Mining Company out of \$29,500 worth of stock. Joslin defaulted his bail Tuesday and was declared to be a fugitive from justice.

It is alleged that Dunn has confessed that he stole the stock certificate while employed as a clerk by DeCoppet & Doremus and sent it by mail to Joslin, who was then in Boston. It is further alleged that Joslin, through an agent, secured a loan on the certificate and afterward arranged for its sale in order to repay the loan. About this time it was discovered that the certificate was a stolen one and it was canceled.

FIRST ELECTIONS REAPPOINT BRISTOL

Labor Representatives Choose Men for National Parliament.

DELEGATES ARE PROMINENT

Men Elected Are All Conservatives—Congress Choosing Them is Composed of Men From Trades and Industries in Russia.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 29.—The first actual elections to the Russian National Parliament occurred today when twelve members of the Council of the Empire were chosen by a congress composed of the representative associations of trade and industry throughout European Russia. The members chosen are well known men of affairs and of high standing in their respective communities. They are all Conservatives. Former Minister of Commerce Timiriazeff who presided over the congress was unanimously elected one of the delegates to the council of the empire, he is undoubtedly destined to be the leader of the Liberals in the upper chamber.

Robbery Fails.
KHARKOFF, March 29.—Students made a desperate effort to rob the Volga Komma Bank. They covered the clerks with revolvers but one cool-headed clerk attracted the attention of the guards. The robbers made a desperate effort to escape. They broke the windows and jumped into the street. Four were captured. One policeman was mortally wounded.

Governor-General Resigned.
ST. PETERSBURG, March 29.—Governor-General Gerhard of Finland has resigned because Garin and Seregiyevski, two reactionaries, against his protest, were appointed on a committee to elaborate a new fundamental law governing the relations between the grand Duchy and the Empire.

HOUSE HAS BUSY DAY

Representatives Make Considerable Progress in Consideration of Executive and Legislative Bill.

WASHINGTON, March 29.—Today was a busy day for the House, considerable progress having been made with the executive, legislative and judicial bill. An increase of \$10,000 over the appropriation carried in the bill was voted for the confidential agents of the interior department in ferreting out land frauds.

Patrick's Attorney is Allowed to Make Test of Contention Made Four Years Ago.

NEW YORK, March 29.—Four years after the date on which he was convicted of the murder of Millionaire Rice, the attorney in Patrick's plea for an actual test of his contention that embalming fluid and not chloroform caused the condition of Rice's body, was granted today on application to District Attorney Jerome. Patrick contended that embalming fluid would produce in another case the conditions which the physicians ascribed in Rice's case to chloroform.

PHILANTHROPIST DIES.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., March 29.—Mrs. Luck H. Boardman, widow of W. W. Boardman, died here today, aged 86. Mrs. Boardman during her life gave away larger sums in charity and benefactions than probably any other woman in Connecticut. They are estimated at \$750,000.

President Sends Appointment to Senate Second Time.

CHARGES NOT WELL FOUNDED

President and Department of Justice Investigate Charges of Misconduct Against Attorney and Acquit Him—Senate Will Approve.

WASHINGTON, March 29.—President Roosevelt sent to the Senate today the nomination of W. C. Bristol to be United States District Attorney for Oregon. The case of Mr. Bristol presents some unusual and interesting phases. He was appointed originally as United States District Attorney for Oregon on excellent recommendations made to the President. These recommendations were strongly concurred in by Francis J. Heney, special counsel for the government in the land fraud cases.

While the nomination was pending before the Senate, charges bearing on Mr. Bristol's professional integrity were brought to the attention of the President and the Department of Justice. After considering them briefly, the President withdrew the nomination for the Senate with a view to careful investigation of the charges.

FASTEST BATTLESHIP

New Jersey Maintains Remarkable Speed of 19.18 Knots an Hour For Four Hours.

BOSTON, March 29.—The performance of the battleship New Jersey in maintaining a speed of 19.18 knots an hour in a four-hour endurance run off the New England coast coupled with her remarkable speed yesterday over a measured mile at Rockland, Maine, at 19.48 places her at the head of American built battleships so far as speed is concerned.

U. S. TO HAVE LARGEST BATTLESHIP IN WORLD

MANY IMMIGRANTS ARRIVE. Naval Men Want Vessel of 22,000 Tons.

APPROVED BY DEWEY

Proposed Ship Will Surpass English Battleship Dreadnaught in Size.

FOUR MAY BE CONSTRUCTED

Is Contended That Four Monster Battleships Must Be Built to be Effective, as One Cannot Accomplish Much in Fight.

WASHINGTON, March 29.—Since the decision of the house committee on naval affairs to recommend an appropriation of \$8,000,000 for the construction of a battleship larger than any now afloat, naval experts in Washington have begun heated discussion of the size of battleships, which shows that Admiral Dewey is not supported by many naval officers in his advocacy of a battleship greater than the 18,000-ton English battleship Dreadnaught.

Naval constructors are agreed that an effective battleship with a displacement of 20,000 tons or more can be constructed for the American Navy, but the advisability of authorizing one ship of this type at the present time, and not making an effort to provide additional 16,000-ton battleships to supplement the quota of smaller ships, and thus make a desirable working unit out of them, is questioned by many naval authorities.

At least four battleships of the same speed and with similar batteries and equipment are necessary, according to the constructors, to be effective in an engagement.

One great battleship, even if it be swifter and have more guns than other ships afloat, they contend, cannot accomplish anything in actual warfare, and is not more effective than the slower and less formidable ships with which it is joined in action.

If Congress should decide that the new battleship must have 12 12-inch guns, as has been suggested, a ship with a displacement of 22,000 tons would be necessary, in the opinion of Admiral Capps, and Secretary Bonaparte believes this will probably be the size of the proposed ship. The British battleship Dreadnaught carries only ten 12-inch guns.

WYOMING FLOODS.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., March 29.—Continued warm weather following a heavy snowfall has caused unprecedented freshets in all parts of Wyoming. Numerous bridges have been destroyed and irrigation will be affected in many quarters by the washing out of irrigation dams, including the temporary diversion dam of the Pathfinder project of the Reclamation Service at Alcova. The pipe line supplying the City of Rock Springs, a big coal camp on the Union Pacific Railroad, has been partly washed out, and the town is depending upon water trains which the railroad has established.

RUSSIAN REVOLUTIONARY SYMPATHIZERS' MEETING

NEW YORK, March 29.—Under a red banner bearing inscription, "The Russian Revolutionary Party" several thousand men and women gathered in the Grand Central Palace tonight to listen to Nicholas Tschaykovsky, a Russian revolutionist recently arrived here. Letters of regret from several prominent people were read, including one from Mark Twain in which he expressed the hope that the Russian Revolution would win. Tschaykovsky was enthusiastically greeted. He spoke in English. He declared the statements that the revolution is over are untrue. "Such a thing is impossible. The Russian people will continue to fight until the autocracy is vanquished."